

Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council



June 15, 2017 - Corrected

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm. There were approximately 20 in attendance.

Roll call of the directors and attendance: Greg Wood, Bill Parkman, Donna Morris, David Hernandez, and Gerald Morris were present. Justin Wright was excused.

Adopt Agenda: A motion was made by Donna Morris to adopt the agenda and seconded by David Hernandez. Vote was unanimous.

Approve Minutes: A motion was made by David Hernandez to adopt the Minutes, and seconded by Bill Parkman. Vote was unanimous.

Guest Speaker(s): The presentation by the Kern County Sheriff's Crime Prevention Unit has been deferred to next month's meeting. A discussion ensued regarding a recovery program called Higher Options. The group will also be invited to speak at next month's meeting.

Community Leader Reports:

- A. Kern County Supervisor's representative, Joshua Foster, advised that the Medical Marijuana letter that RMAC was developing to send to Congressman Kevin McCarthy should also be copied to Keenan Hochschild (Field Representative). The Chair informed Joshua that those changes can be made to the letter and then returned to RMAC for the Council's signature after Zack has signed it. Joshua was questioned on the status of the RMAC business cards and he advised that he will be collecting contact information for the Council and ordering business cards for the Council.
- B. Kern County Fire Department – Absent.
- C. Kern County Sheriff's Office (Sgt. Anton). Sgt Anton advised that there had been 597 calls for service in the month of May. He added that there was a transition in process on data collection. Sgt. Anton also advised that the Sheriff's Substation at the RCSD Offices on 35th Street West is not ready for service.
- D. California Highway Patrol (Officer John Stephens). Officer Stephens noted that his office patrols 980 square miles in southeast/east Kern with 22 officers assigned. There were 19 DUI, 72 accidents with 1 fatality, and 1341 citations issued. Of the above total, 9 DUI, 6 pursuits, 10 animal, 21 collisions and 33 reckless driving occurred in the Rosamond area.
- E. Rosamond Community Watch (Paul Wingfield): Cleanup scheduled for Saturday, 17 June 2017.
- F. Rosamond Community Services District: No representative in attendance, however, John Joyce advised that there is a hearing scheduled for Tuesday night, 20 June 2017, 6:30 to 7:30p.m., to discuss lighting and landscaping.
- G. Rosamond Foundation: No report.
- H. Rosamond Youth Football and Cheer: Absent.
- I. Rosamond Chamber of Commerce (Terry Landsdiel): An update on Diamond Street was provided. Dead trees will be replaced, bollards cleaned and striping completed. Ribbon-cutting on Diamond Street has been deferred until later in the year. At the Event Center, the Contractor has started setting block in the carwash area and completion of the mural in that area will be expedited.
- J. Southern Kern Unified School District (SKUSD): No representative in attendance, however, John Joyce informed the Council that the School District's budget for 2017/2018 will be \$40 million. Keys for the school are to be turned over to the District by the 22nd of June and in early August, the new school will be dedicated in a public ceremony.
- K. Antelope Valley Citizens for Responsible Use of Water: No representative in attendance but the Council was advised that AVEK is banking 210 acre feet of water every day. No one could update the Council on RCSD's Water Bank status.
- L. Edwards Air Force Base: No representative in attendance.
- M. Others – None

Community Announcements: Director Hernandez advised that a Food Bank will be held on Saturday, June 17th, at 11:00 a.m. at 2850 B Street. He asked that this be disseminated to those who may be in need of assistance.

Public Comment Period: Nikki Olonoff, Sunpower, introduced herself to the Directors and the public in attendance. She advised that they are gearing up for some expansion in about one year.

Business Meeting:

- A. **Planning Committee (D. Morris, Parkman, Wood):** No Report.
- B. **Safety Committee (G. Morris, Wood, Wright):** No Report.
- C. **Public Health and Community Welfare Committee (Hernandez, D. Morris, G. Morris):** No Report.
- D. **Public Works Committee (Parkman, Wood, Wright):** No Report.
- E. **Public Relations Committee (Hernandez, G. Morris, D. Morris):** No Report.

Old Business:

- A. **Vote on providing opportunity for people to fill their community service in Rosamond through the RMAC.** Approved.
- B. **Review of letter to Congressman McCarthy in regard to marijuana dispensaries.** Vote to issue pending. See Community Leader Reports-Kern County Supervisor's representative comments above.

New Business:

- A. **Discuss and take possible action – re: marijuana dispensaries.** See old business Item B. Letter to be addressed to Supervisor Scrivner and not Congressman Kevin McCarthy. Letter to be copied to Keenan Hochschild, Field Service Representative for Congressman McCarthy.
- B. **Discuss and take possible action – re: 14 Freeway Rosamond Blvd off-ramp.** Joshua Foster advised that a meeting has been set up for June 28th, 10:00a.m. at Hummel Hall to discuss the north 14 Freeway exit onto Rosamond Boulevard. Attendees will include, in addition to the RMAC, representatives from CALTRANS and Kern County Roads. This meeting will also be open to interested members of the public.
- C. **Discuss and take possible action – re: Shoulder repair on 35th Street West.** No timeline on when this work will start. Potential budget issue.
- D. **Discuss and take possible action – re: Increase in Park and Recreation opportunities in Rosamond.** New budgeting planning in progress on 20 June. County is anticipating a 41 million dollar shortfall and it is entirely possible that there will be further cuts coming.
- E. **Request Board of Supervisors provide business cards for RMAC Board members to facilitate conduct of official business with local businesses, organizations and the community of Rosamond.** Joshua Foster has for action.
- F. **Fill Spot on Public Relations Committee vacated by Director Sharo Romo.** Director Donna Morris assigned.
- G. **Discuss and take possible action in regards to Old B52 Market, corner of Rosamond Blvd and Sierra Highway.** Bill Parkman advised that he would contact the Owner and get an update on their legal issues and future plans for the property.

Director Agenda Referrals:

- A. **Items for New Business – None.**

Director's Comments: Let's look for ways to improve attendance at the Council meetings. The effectiveness of the Council is directly proportional to the amount of interest the community shows regarding problems and issues. A portion of the meeting is set aside for comments from the public. The Council would like to hear from you.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Donna Morris and seconded by David Hernandez. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.